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Common Citizens not so common stories

A series profiling Nodaway County residents and their stories



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Mares greets a customer at Hy-Vee Tuesday. Mares known for his antics with those who enter the store also has earned a Pulitzer Prize in 1981.

Greeter's history includes covering one of Kansas City's darkest days

DOMINICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

It's 3:30 p.m., and a typical day for Hy-Vee greeter Fred Mares. Scores of late-afternoon shoppers crowd the entryways of neighborhood grocery store and Mares stands at his usual post. Dressed in his usual faded black apron and a quirky black tie, Mares turns on the charm—ready to greet each customer that comes through the doors. "Here he is, the next governor of Missouri," Mares shouts at an elderly gentleman entering the store. "Whatever you say Fred," the man says as he laughs, grabs his bag and moves onward. "You know why there are so many Smiths in the phone book?" Mares says as he moves on to another customer. "Why?" she asks with a puzzled look on her face. "Because they all have phones," Mares answers with a sarcastic, lopsided grin. It goes a normal day for Mares, who began working as Hy-Vee greeter six years ago. Day in and day out, he mans the doorways in hopes of delivering a pleasurable experience for Hy-Vee patrons. "He's very friendly," said customer Dianne Ott. "You never forget him because he's always saying something to somebody, and I think a lot of people appreciate that."

But life for Mares was not always about putting smiles on customer's faces.

In fact, Mares worked as a news reporter for the *Kansas City Times*, where he earned a Pulitzer Prize for his role in the 1981 coverage of the Hyatt Regency walkway collapse.

During the investigation, Mares was responsible for identifying bodies the night of tragedy. He also conducted backseat interviews with taxi drivers delivering blood to area hospitals.

"It was quite a deal," he said. "Here I am a year removed from college and already being a part of team that received an honor like that."

"My role was pretty minor, but I considered it an honor and a privilege because what we did changed the way hotels are built," Mares said.

Mares continued his work at the Times until 1989 when he accepted a position with the National Federation of State High School Associations in Kansas City.

That position was later downsized in 1993 and Mares decided to attend graduate school at Northwest. While pursuing his Master's degree in English, Mares worked for the Daily Forum and KNIM radio. He needed some extra money, so he applied for a position at Hy-Vee where he worked ever since.

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Quest for excellence atop new Provost's list

BY COLE YOUNG
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Provost Kichoon Yang describes himself in one word: minimalist.

His simple approach to life and his job are accentuated when Yang described how he ended up at Northwest.

"I felt like I had a very good connection with the selection board when I had my first interview," Yang said. "When I came on my visit to the campus I immediately fell in love with the campus and the people."

President Dean Hubbard saw the same kind of similarities in Yang.

"He has a great personality," Hubbard said. "He immediately fit into the team and he and I have so much in common, it's almost scary."

Yang's straightforward and simple approaches are easy to see just by looking around his office. While most people would clutter their desks with files, photographs and books, Yang's is quite the opposite.

A small clock, along with two small momentos from previous jobs, are the only things that distract Yang from his goal of success at Northwest.

Atop his list of goals is a simple one.

"I'm not going to stand for anything less than Northwest being the top educational institution in the state," Yang said.

In addition to moving the University to the top of the state in education, he hopes to boost the University's technology.

"We have got a lot of mileage out of being the electronic campus," he said. "Now it's time



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang takes time in his office Monday. Yang's office decor is simple, much like his approach to his daily life and work schedule.

for us to keep improving our technology to stay at the top."

One of the things listed by Yang, as an improvement was the implementation of Blackberries to the campus.

The handheld module acts as a phone, e-mail device and palm pilot.

"If we can find a cost-effective way for these to be implemented on campus then that is something we want to do," Yang said.

The South Korea native arrived in the United States in November 1972. Destined for the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, Yang dreamed of being a doctor. His aspirations of being a doctor lasted less than a semester, when he dissected his first animal.

"We started cutting up the frogs and I said, please see "Provost" page 5A

Charges filed against local business owner

BY DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

After a yearlong investigation, Maryville Public Safety filed felony insurance fraud charges against a local businessman.

Steve Parsons, owner and operator of Parsons' Tire and Battery, was charged last week with one count of class C felony of stealing by deceit. Parsons was arrested and released on a \$10,000 bond, and if convicted could face up to seven years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.

According to court records, Maryville Public Safety received a complaint on July 26, 2003 that a burglary occurred at Parsons' Tire and Battery.

Parsons, who declined comment for this story by legal advice, then generated an insurance claim with Employers Mutual Casualty Company and received a check for \$12,905 on Dec. 18, 2003 for a digital camera and tools reportedly stolen during the burglary.

According to the complaint filed, Parsons "appropriated such property from Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance with the purpose to deprive them thereof by deceit

and which representation was false and known by defendant to be false."

Authorities became alerted to the situation when "employees told investigating officers that nothing was found stolen in said burglary," according to the probable cause statement.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said that after the report and investigation of the burglary was completed, certain things didn't add up.

"After he reported the burglary and we were conducting the investigation, certain things began to turn up that we became suspicious about," Wood said.

Special Prosecuting Attorney Sharleen Pritt-Bothwell of Atchison County was appointed to the case due to Nodaway County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney J. Patrick McLaughlin's prior civil representation of Parsons disqualified the Nodaway County prosecutor's office from representing the state. In addition, she said that if Parsons is the only owner, he could possibly lose his business as well.

Mobile technology program starts month pilot

Blackberries make first
appearance on campus,
and become permanent

DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The University faculty and students benefiting from new devices that could change the way they work and learn. The Blackberry, a wireless phone that serves many functions, can be used for retrieving e-mail, surfing the web, personal calendar, note-taking and MP3 capabilities.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said the Blackberry could help students and faculty cut down the amount of information that is collected.

It helps reduce the number of collection points," Hubbard said. "Most people, when they ask them how many collection points they have, don't realize that they have about 25 or 30 points until they analyze it."

Hubbard also believes that reducing students' information collection points relieves the tension of overlooking something, and it helps prepare them for life after Northwest.

"I think it's a good thing because these things are all over the place," Hubbard said. "It's just one more way students are prepared for the market place."

About 12 faculty and students began participating in the month long trial last Friday. Vice President of information systems, Jon Rickman said that Northwest began looking into data solutions about two years ago.

"The idea came from the companies that provide the services," Rickman said. "We have worked with all of the cell phone vendors."

"We asked them what they had on the data side and how we could control cost. Then we asked them to report back to us."

Rickman said that Cellular One jumped way ahead in the technology and stepped forward with the trial.

"We're just trying to see if this works in Maryville," Rickman said. "Everybody in the

project has been pleasantly surprised in what the Blackberry can do."

Rickman also said that the University started testing wireless data communication cards for notebook computers. The cards would slide into the notebooks allowing for wireless Internet capabilities not limited to the campus.

Hubbard said that if the trial period goes well, the University could provide Blackberries to all students. Students would only be responsible for the monthly service charge. The charge would be somewhere between \$30 to \$35 dollars a month, less than what students typically pay for cellular phones.

Hubbard also said that the technology seems to be in place and the Blackberries do work with the Northwest e-mail system, but he did express one concern.

"Many students already have cell phones," Hubbard said. "The challenge is how do we transform from the cell phone contract to the

please see "Blackberry" page 5A



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Resident Assistant Eric Morrow does homework in his residence hall earlier this week. Morrow and 30 others on campus are taking part in a pilot program that would allow for students to use Blackberry communication devices like the one pictured in the foreground. A permanent decision will be made later.

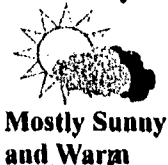
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LOCAL FORECAST

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Sunday



Professor, alumnus named award-winners for program

BY BEN KOEHN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A Northwest professor and a former student received the Premier award for their computer program that helps teach computer programs to students.

"I thought when we applied that it was kind of a stretch just because their history had been grounded more towards engineering coursework," said Dr. Dean Sanders, professor of computer and information systems.

Sanders, along with Brian Dorn, a former Northwest student and current graduate student at Iowa St. received the Premier Award for their work on Jeroo.

Jeroo, a computer-based learning program, teaches computer code by allowing users to control the movements of a "Jeroo," an imaginary kangaroo-like creature. Users type specific codes to move the jeroo through its environment.

The development of Jeroo goes back to the 1980's when Sanders, then teaching at Illinois State University, formulated the idea of creating an educational computer program that would teach students how to write computer code by controlling the actions of an object on a screen. The idea developed at Illinois St. under the name Jessica and for several years aided computer-programming classes at the university.

In the fall of 2001, Sanders assigned a group in a software engineering class the task of upgrading

Jessica. Dorn helped lead that group.

At the end of the semester, the group turned in their project and Sanders saw potential in the new program, now titled Jeroo. Sanders and Dorn continued to work on Jeroo for the next two years, making changes and constantly improving the program.

In the fall of 2004, Sanders and Dorn decided to apply for the Premier Award. They sent in letters of recommendation from high schools and universities across the nation that implemented Jeroo into their classrooms. After making some specified changes suggested by the awards committee, they soon learned that they won the award.

The two then flew to Savannah, GA for the "Frontiers in Education" conference where they met some of the top professors from across the country.

"It was interesting to see the other professors lecture at the conference and then have them come to congratulate you for an award," Dorn said.

Dorn and Sanders both hope that this will bring new attention to the computer science department at Northwest.

"The computer science program here is a great hidden secret," Dorn said.

Dorn hopes to get his master's degree from Iowa State and then teach computer science at a small college like Northwest.

The Jeroo software may be downloaded for free at www.jeroo.org.

Interactive sculptures shown at gallery

BY MARISSA EBELING
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Northwest art department's Visiting Artist Series resumed for the semester Monday night with an exhibit at the Olive DeLuce Gallery featuring the work of a Central Missouri State University associate professor.

Matthew Zupnick received the invitation to show his work as the result of a suggestion of Armin Muhsam, Northwest assistant professor of art. The exhibit opened after a lecture by Zupnick featuring a slide show of his works. Although Zupnick displayed his sculptures, he also dabbles in painting and photography. His works range from small to large-scale, and he created many of them to be interactive pieces.

Zupnick uses faces and figures dominantly and they often serve as the main focus of a piece.

"It's where the emotion is, where the heart of the piece always is, in the figure," Zupnick said.

Politics, world events and many various items also inspire Zupnick's work. Subjects for his art range from war to the culture of a society. Zupnick believes its important for artists to be open to influences.

"You don't have to live in a vacuum," Zupnick said. "You shouldn't ever block influences."

Zupnick's art reflects many different feelings and emotions.



PHOTO BY ADAM WATSON/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

At the Matthew Zupnick exhibit opening, Kyeonghee Jeong (right) and Hiromi Yamada (left) examine his statue "Flat top". Zupnick's collection of statues will be on display at the Olive DeLuce Gallery until February 18.

"I think my work should reflect all my moods, and I try to do that," Zupnick said.

After listening to the lecture, Zupnick invited students and other attendees to the gallery to view some of his pieces. Much of his work in-

involved interaction, and he encouraged viewers turn, push or ride the works as indicated. One piece resembled a teeter-totter, and observers took turns riding the unusual work.

"I liked the teeter-totter a lot,"

senior Erica Sheeres said. "I like how he incorporated human figures."

Zupnick showed students a new and different view of art.

"Art happens everywhere," Zupnick said. "It's a really great thing that human beings can do."

Cornett travels to Norway for international festival

BY BRENT CHAPPELOW
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Chase Cornett will pack his bags for a journey across the Atlantic Ocean to converse with other students from around the globe.

Cornett will travel to Trondheim, Norway, from Jan. 29, to Feb. 20, to participate in the International Student Festival as one of six students representing the United States. The theme of "Education. Why?" will prompt students to discuss the importance of international cultures and attitudes towards learning.

Due to his knowledge of United States-Iran conflicts, he will also attend a special dialogue session 10 days before the conference begins.

Cornett anticipates an experience that will be intellectual and fun.

"Basically, every night they have time allotted for social events," Cornett said. "We'll not only get to interact in

a conference-type setting with the cultures, but also a social type setting."

He plans to use the experiences he gains from this conference in his future at law school and beyond.

"One of my primary interests is international relations, so this conference is a rare and special opportunity to not only have connections and friends all over the world, but also to really explore and further my interests in the field of international relations," Cornett said.

Brian Hesse, assistant professor of humanities, history, philosophy and political science, assigned Cornett a research project in an international relations class, which led him to apply for the conference.

"I'm so proud of Chase because the other people who were accepted were from elite institutions, private institutions, and for him to emerge from this small university says a lot about him and hopefully also this university," Hesse said.

Know when to fold 'em



PHOTO BY MASAKI OYATA/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Monday night students around campus were invited to play Texas Hold 'Em at the student Union. Over 100 students were present for the card game.

Bridal show returns to Northwest

BY SARAH TAYLOR
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Wedding bells are in the air and everyone is invited to attend.

The Sigma Society's having an annual Bridal Show Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Mary Linn Auditorium. The show will include 30 vendors throughout the district that will help with planning every detail of a wedding. The program begins at 2 p.m. with the doors opening at noon.

Money raised from the bridal show will help fund the Sigma Society's two main service projects, helping needy children and the local food pantry.

"Happily Ever After" is the theme chosen for this year's Bridal Show.

The show will feature both men's and

women's recent trends for the walk down the aisle. The fashions include a variety of gowns, men's tuxedos and fashions for the wedding party.

Sigma Society members will model the gowns while volunteers model tuxes. "I thought it would be fun, not every day you get to walk around with pretty girls in wedding dresses," male model Matt Cohea said.

Local radio stations are advertising the Bridal Show and the event will feature live coverage from Q-Country 92.7.

"This is going to be the best year yet. We have Q-Country and tons of door prizes," said Anna Comeau.

Tickets may be purchased at the Student Services Desk.

New competition to sweep campus

BY BRENT CHAPPELOW
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Students and faculty on campus have a new reason to recycle, as the University joins a competition among colleges and universities across the nation.

The Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program supports the contest known as RecycleMania, and University personnel coordinate the program. The program runs from Jan. 30 to April 9, but schools may discount the lowest week for recycling rates.

Northwest is participating in the contest for the first year, and associate director of environmental services Leslee Johnson expects a good response.

"We've already worked out how to get everything measured out accurately," she said. "I don't anticipate any other difficulties."

RecycleMania consists of two separate contests in which Northwest will participate. One contest measures per capita recycling rates for resident students by weighing recycled materials in residence halls and dining halls, and the other contest compares the total recycling rate on campus against the total trash weight.

The winner of the contest will receive a traveling trophy and all other participating colleges and

universities will buy a half-page in their campus newspaper announcing the results of the competition. Johnson wants Northwest to win the contest, but explains the goal of the recycling program.

"Everybody wins when we reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills," she said. "Northwest wins when we improve the amount of paper and cardboard waste that goes to our peller plant rather than going to the landfill."

Johnson notes the weakness of our recycling program to be the residence halls, but Amanda Schellinger, Phillips Hall Director, shared the residential life department's plans for the contest.

The Safety and Environmental Awareness Committee for the Residence Hall Association plans to create a contest between the halls in which residents pledge to recycle. The contest winners receive an ice cream party, courtesy of RHA.

Citing a history of good recycling habits on campus, Johnson said that Northwest stands a good chance of winning the competition against larger schools.

"This is about the only place where we can compete," Johnson said. "I'd much rather have the put our name in their paper than their name in our paper."

Hubbard, Booth named to board

BY DENNIS SHARKEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Northwest took another step towards biopharming, with the naming of President Dean Hubbard and Northwest alumnus Melvin Booth to the Ventria biopharming board of directors last Wednesday.

Hubbard said he joined the board because much stands at stake in this operation.

"They (Ventria) want access to quality management," Hubbard said. "Quality is at stake here at Northwest. We're putting a lot into this and the University wanted someone looking out for Northwest's interest."

The board asked Booth, former president of MedImmune, to join. Booth brings over 25 years of experience.

"I really want to be a part of this being successful," Booth said. "Northwest has been good to me and has been a big part of my success. I really want to give something back and make Northwest the center of pharmaceuticals."

Hubbard said that the company plans on moving in early November. The idea that another company could come in and buy out Ventria poses a major concern, according to Hubbard, as it could move the operations and leave the University with nothing.

"They share the concern," Hubbard said. "We both want this to be the center of pharmaceuticals."

According to Hubbard, four other companies are in talks with the University about the possibility of coming to join the project.

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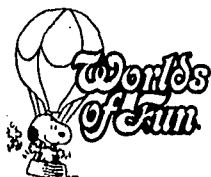
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Benedictine Sisters release third CD

Local clergy puts final touches on recording benefit monastery

DALLAS READ
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A single brown piano sits in a room that wraps around the magnificent chapel in the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration church. Here, Sisters Theresa Tremmel and Ruth Starman play mass for their fellow sisters.

"The sound is great," said Tremmel. "It's like playing in the choir."

When mass ends, the sisters' mutual appetite has only begun, apparently after listening to their new recording called "Quiet Light." Full of tranquilly beautiful piano melodies and meditative harp compositions, the sisters believe the musical inspiration for the album came from their church community and the people.

"Quiet Light" will be the third album released by the Benedictine Sisters, and all sales will help to raise money for the monastery's heating system.

The church plans to become more "ecologically motivated," by upgrading their heating system with geothermal energy.

"We spend a lot of time *lectio divina*, which is sacred reading," Starman said. "Our lifestyles kind of inundate scriptures, (and) it re-

ally soaks in to the bone."

Both sisters say they played piano since the age of eight, and both sisters have been nuns with the Benedictine Sisters for over 10 years. Tremmel and Starman also don't believe music would be such a central element to their life if not for the church.

"The music has been such a great gift," said Tremmel. "Because we sing so much, there's just a lot of music involved in our particular lifestyle."

After using music to help out their church's push to aid the environment, the sisters still always believe that their music will ultimately soothe the lives of those who listen.

"(Music) relaxes people and speaks to the heart," said Tremmel. "I put every emotion in my music and it's an outlet for me that way." Both sisters have already begun to write more original music, but another album remains yet to be discussed.

With music surrounding their everyday lives, the sisters thank the Lord for the voice He directs through each of their melodies.

"(Music) epitomizes how I want to live my life," said Starman. "Music goes beneath words, to deeper levels that words cannot access. It's like a constant praise to God."

The Benedictine Sisters can be reached at (660)-944-2221, or at www.benedictinesisters.org.

Dallas Read can be contacted at 562-1224 or s233775@mail.nwmissouri.edu



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Sister Theresa Tremmel of the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration church plays a song off the congregation's third CD Wednesday.

Citizens address local issues during trip to the Capitol

BY KELSEY GARRISON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Concerned citizens and public officials traveled to the capitol Tuesday, to express their opinions on important issues of Northwest Missouri and Maryville.

The trip allowed citizens to discuss important legislative issues affecting Maryville, including transportation and the development of rural water systems.

In regards to transportation, the group hoped to address community development grants to obtain a \$650,000 runway extension at the Northwest Missouri regional airport as well as hangar improvements and roadway repairs.

In addition, they covered the development of rural water systems for Nodaway County. Citizens want to acquire community development

grants, to hurry along the process of putting the system in for Maryville.

Lisa Luke, executive director of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, believes that the event benefited citizens as a good opportunity to speak to the legislators on key issues.

"Northwest Day at the Capitol is a regional effort that leaders throughout the region get together and identify issues that affect us all regionally," Luke said.

Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein expressed the importance of bringing the concerns of citizens to the legislators.

"You can be much more frank and sometimes your position can be carried a little more passionately because you're physically there and can be taken more seriously," Unrein said.

Dance class delivers taste of hip-hop culture

Bearcat Stepper to lead dance class for students and area kids

BY TRAVIS SHIPPEN
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

If you enjoy hip-hop music and you love to dance, Maryville Parks and Recreation has the thing for you.

Registration for "Hip Hop Dance Lessons" will be open until Monday, Feb. 7, at the Maryville Community Center.

Tara Wells, captain of the Bearcat Steppers, will teach the class.

Wells met with Jenny Wagoner of Maryville Parks and Recreation, and they both decided they wanted to help college students with dance lessons.

"We wanted to expose people to

dance and modern moves," Wagoner said. "You have to have someone who knows what they are doing. Tara is well educated, and well known," Wagoner said.

Wells also teaches youth dance lessons at the center.

The class is open to all age groups, with a strong focus on children and college students.

However Chandra McClaran of Maryville Parks and Recreation believes the class seems to appeal to older adults.

In the fall, only six people attended the lessons, but Wagoner expects more people to participate this year.

Classes will begin on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the south meeting room of the Maryville Community Center.

Classes will be held each Sunday until they conclude on April 10.

Lucky's bar in danger of losing license

Bar cited 13 times last year for selling alcohol to minors

DOMINICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville City Council voted unanimously Monday to initiate an administrative hearing against Lucky's Bar, for numerous liquor violations.

Every year, the Maryville Public Safety Department conducts a se-

ries of tests on all the area bars and stores who sell alcoholic beverages. Area minors are sent into the bars to attempt to purchase alcohol from the chosen locations.

According to Public Safety Director Keith Wood, a couple of stores failed the tests, but every bar in Maryville passed except for Lucky's—who allegedly amassed 13 violations prior to January.

"The number of violations in this facility is troubling, more than the others," Wood said. "When you are dealing with the

enforcement of these places you kind of get a generalization as to what places are making a general effort to control their sales to minors versus the ones who really aren't trying that hard."

Attempts to contact the owner of Lucky's were unsuccessful at press time.

An official hearing date has not been set, but Council members will meet to decide whether or not to revoke the bar's city liquor license.

But regardless of whether Lucky's receives a reprimand for

their actions, Wood says it's unfortunate that the tests are even necessary.

"Unfortunately they are important, and I say unfortunately because ideally, the business owners would feel responsible enough to conduct their businesses the keep alcohol out of minors' hands," Wood said. "But it seems like the world is not ideal in that manner, so we do the enforcement."

Dominick Hadley can be contacted at 562-1224 or s260734@mail.nwmissouri.edu

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Wear red Friday; support fight against heart disease

My View



Kimberly Brand
Copy Editor

Each day, we all choose clothing to wear that fits our activities, jobs and individual styles. Every outfit expresses personality, down to the leather boots or ball cap. But this Friday, I invite you to add an extra statement when you dress for the day; wear red.

This Friday marks the second annual Wear Red Day for awareness of heart disease in America. According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, one in three American women dies of heart disease. The disease, which can affect men and women of any age, causes hardening of the arteries resulting in heart at-

tacks. Women ages 45 to 64 comprise the largest-affected group, with almost 88,000 heart attacks reported each year. I am very much affected by this through my family medical history; with the staggering statistics it seems impossible to not be touched by the dangers of heart disease.

First Lady Laura Bush, spokeswoman for Wear Red Day, hopes the campaign will raise Americans' awareness of heart disease and the importance of establishing heart-healthy habits. A bit of perspective: heart disease kills more American women yearly than all forms of cancer combined, including women under 40.

Why wear red? All across the nation, in offices, schools, factories, gyms and bars, Americans will wear the vivid color as a unified attention-grabber. Red says, look at me. Listen up. Be aware; be careful. The color of passion, it also expresses the power we each (not only women) hold, to be ourselves and affect change in our own lives.

So this Friday, throw on that favorite sweater, skirt or pair of Chuck Taylors; heck, wear all three if you want. Let's show the community we care about living long, healthy lives with strong hearts. That would be, well, red-hot.

School board urges residents to reject finance plan

The undersigned members of the Maryville R-2 School Board are writing this letter to emphasize our opposition to the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district proposed for the city of Maryville, which will be considered by the Maryville City Council at a special Feb. 4 meeting (at noon). Our objections to the TIF proposal are based on, first, the adverse financial impact the TIF district will have on the school district's funding base. Second, the fact that while two of the taxing entities will continue to receive increased taxes from TIF district improvements, the school district will not.

The school district's primary funding source is the property tax. While it is true that the current amount collected by the district in property taxes from TIF district properties will not decrease, this point overlooks several issues. First, the operating expenses of

the district will continue to rise, as inflationary pressures eat at the district's budget. Second, the 2003 bond issue was approved by voters with the understanding that property tax rates would not have to be increased to pay off the bonds. However, this assumed that the district would be able to see rising property tax revenue through rising assessed property values. The TIF district, by freezing district tax collections on those properties, increases the chances that tax rates will have to be raised to cover the bond repayments. If this happens, the tax incentive given to the TIF district developer will end up being financed by Maryville taxpayers in general.

It has been argued that the state's education funding "formula" will compensate the district by increasing the state's appropriation to the district to cover the foregone tax revenue.

However, the Maryville school district is a "hold harmless" district. Under the 1993 Outstanding Schools Act and the resulting current formula in use, Maryville would receive less state aid (on a per-student basis) than it did prior to 1993. The "hold harmless" provision means that the district receives its pre-1993 per student allotment, rather than that determined by the formula. Thus for Maryville, the formula is a moot point: the district's state appropriations are not formula determined, and would not benefit from "replacement" money to cover the TIF.

The second major objection to the planned TIF district is that under the current proposal, both the city and county governments will be able to receive half of the additional local sales tax revenue generated in the TIF district. In effect, both of these local government bodies have insulated them-

selves from the fiscal impact of the TIF. However, the school district did not receive any similar consideration in regard to its property taxes. As a board, we believe this is unfair to the district's schoolchildren, their parents, and their teachers. While providing education is not a function of the city and county governments, those bodies need to be concerned about the impact of their policies on such.

In sum, we ask concerned readers to contact the Maryville City Council and express their concerns over the proposed TIF, and ask the Council to reject the TIF proposal at its Feb. 4 special session.

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Student gives 'Your Man' advice on openmindedness and tact

Our Man,
I have but a small request: for one week, write a column without whining. From what I gather, others around campus echo my sentiments. We hear enough whining from the people around us. Instead of rattling off a list what is wrong with whom-ever or whatever strikes a chord, please try to find some kind of insight on your subject. You know, something that makes you go, "Hmmm."

It is okay to complain when done in a tasteful way. Generally, complaining is done to bring about change. But when people complain about issues we all deal with, that is whining. The weather is one that comes to mind. Whining won't make it any better.

I recently saw a good movie. It was called Napoleon Dynamite. Now, I know you may be dumbfounded by the reasons. Allow me to explain. At

first glance, Napoleon Dynamite makes you think, "Huh?" ND reminds me of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. It wasn't a large blockbuster with lots of snazzy effects and action scenes. But it eventually became a hit. Somehow we all can relate to Fizzy-Lifting drinks, Golden Tickets, and Everlasting Gobstoppers. Because in some inexplicable way, they stir the soul. Napoleon Dynamite, too, touches our soul and re-

minds us that we can find joy in the simplest of places.

I have yet to determine why something that creates so much joy in others causes an extreme hatred in you. There are many things in life that deserve a second look. As you write your next column, remember that appearances can be deceiving.

ROBERT GRAHAM
ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Your View

What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl?



"My favorite part of the Super Bowl is the halftime party."

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"People all around the world are watching, and the players know that, so the competition is at an all-time high."

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Our View

More to life

With what it takes to make front page news, it's easy to overlook things that also deserve praise

In a world where cynicism and war lead the front pages of America's newspapers, it is important to take solace in the little things.

At Northwest and the city of Maryville, those little things include the people who would not garner front page news under the aforementioned criteria.

However, starting this week, *The Northwest Missourian* portrays the people who make Northwest Missouri a nice place to live and go to school.

In "Faces in the Crowd," you will read about people you see in the community but don't get to hear their story.

People like Fred Mares, a Pulitzer Prize winner as a member of *The Kansas City Times* in 1981, stand right outside your door—or in Mares' case, right inside Hy-Vee's door.

Mares played a role in helping identify the people who died at the Hyatt Regency hotel that July night.

In the past, *The Missourian* ran different series, such as "Unknown Wonders of Nodaway County," that portrayed some of the area's uniqueness.

But when doing pieces on the landscape and the nature of the

area, it can be easy to overlook the people who lie within those areas.

The importance of identifying such people becomes critical in a time of war continuing in Iraq. The country remains divided over the invasion and occupation in Iraq and with 1,400 Americans dead, casting a negative outlook on the world can be easy.

But individuals who overcome great physical obstacles, like being blind but still working to repair pianos, help bring hope to people across the region.

And while Maryville and Northwest Missouri appeared on the national map with the cold and unimaginable murder of Bobbi Jo Stinnett, other stories give the community a different uniqueness.

As the series progresses and *The Missourian* looks at other people to tell their stories we also rely on you, the reader, to help with the project. Who do you know in the area that does a lot of good for Northwest, the community and society in general?

The power of the press does much more good for a community who rallies around human interest stories than one that labors over the darkness of the world that the national media sometimes portrays.

Missourian Backtalk



"I was just calling about the article on abortion. What I have to say is this: If you don't want to have an abortion, you don't have an abortion. I don't think the government should reserve the right to deny this. It is between me and my doctor. They have a name for people who don't get to choose what they want to do to their body and their lives; they are called slaves. At least the women in Afghanistan know where they stand."

"I have a new meaning for the word 'suck' and that is the Stroller. I feel dumber every time I read that stupid article."

"It's simply reassuring to read that Hy-Vee while considering rebuild plans proactively gives their community a facelift as well, by seeking to demolish any unused property after construction is complete. Companies like Hy-Vee truly show respect and care for their community by including other small-town businesses in all their design plans. Corporate giant Wal-Mart should take some notes; sometimes cheaper prices don't always speak as loudly as their CEO's should hope."

CORRECTIONS: Michael Keenan actually played three games at Nebraska instead of one as stated in last week's article, "Bears gain Husker transfer."

The wrestler pictured in last week's issue was Ryan Schleusner not Colby Chesnut, as stated.

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BLACKBERRY: Students take part in pilot program to test technology

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 Northwest student Eric Morrow began testing the Blackberry Friday and expressed mixed feelings about the device. Morrow said that when around cordless phone lines, old computer monitors, and speakers, the interference sound starts the devices. He also said that all web sites are fully compatible with the Blackberry. Morrow said that the device is easy to use and that for busy people it's great if you're on the go. Morrow said, "You don't have to go and sit down at a computer to get your e-mail." Morrow began surveying people testing the Blackberry after a weekend of use. He said that most people would be interested in using it full time, but that over half of the people would pay for what it offered. Morrow also believes that although good the device will not replace the computer and not everyone will want to use it.



MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
 Eric Morrow sends a message on a Blackberry to another student in the pilot program. Morrow and other random students on campus are using the devices to test their feasibility on the Northwest campus.

"If you're on the Northwest campus, you're not anymore than a minute away from a computer," Morrow said. "You're not going to want to type a term paper on it, so I don't think it will ever replace it."

PROVOST: Scuba diving among hobbies for Yang

Continued From 1A

"Oh no, this isn't for me," he joked. Following graduation from North Carolina, Yang earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Washington University in St. Louis. After several other stops, Yang last worked for the University of Northern Iowa as dean and professor in the College of Natural Sciences. "I didn't plan on coming to the United States for 20, 30 or 40 years," he said. "I came to get an education and just ended up staying."

When Yang isn't working, scuba diving occupies the majority of his vacation. Yang has over 100 dives to his credit.

"Any time I get off, I go scuba diving," he said. "I love to go to the Caribbean and go diving. It is like a whole different world down there."

In his college days, Yang spent many hours competing in chess matches.

After winning several tournaments, he eventually reached the expert level of the chess world, a ranking assigned by any number of chess governing bodies.

"I realized that is a young man's game," Yang said. "My brain doesn't work that fast anymore."



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President Bush awaits the crowd to stop their applause before beginning his address.

Bush calls for Social Security change

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush challenged a hesitant Congress on Wednesday to "strengthen and save" Social Security, saying the nation's costliest social program was headed for bankruptcy unless changed. Bush's plan would cut guaranteed retirement benefits for younger Americans but would not affect checks for people now 55 and older.

Bush, in his State of the Union address, pledged to work with Congress "to find the most effective combination of reforms," although he has ruled out some remedies such as raising Social Security taxes.

Democrats said that Bush's proposal to divert Social Security revenues into private investment accounts was dangerous and that there were better ways to fix the program, the 70-year-old centerpiece of the New Deal.

Republicans stood and cheered

when Bush urged lawmakers to approve "voluntary personal retirement accounts." Democrats sat in stony silence, underscoring the partisan divide on an issue likely to dominate the year in Congress. Democrats also groaned and grumbled when Bush said Social Security would require drastically higher taxes, massive new borrowing or severe benefit cuts unless the system is changed.

Bush's 53-minute speech spanned problems at home and abroad, but it was the first State of the Union address since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that focused most heavily on domestic issues. Despite Democrats' criticism, he offered no hint of a timetable for a troop withdrawal from Iraq.

The longest applause was when Bush recognized Janet and Bill Norwood, the parents Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, who was killed in the assault of Fallujah.

Medicaid fraud tops Blunt's list

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Gov. Matt Blunt set the goal: Review all 1 million Medicaid recipients annually to see if they still qualify for the government health care program.

The goal is reachable but might result in longer waits for Medicaid applications to be approved, the Department of Social Services said Wednesday.

Federal law already requires the

annual eligibility reviews. But a state audit released last spring found that a yearly review had not been performed for 41 percent of the state's Medicaid cases as of June 2003.

One result of that lack of oversight the audit found, was that the state paid \$1.3 million in benefits for people who had passed their 19th birthdays and were no longer eligible for Medicaid.

GREETER: Employee at local grocery store earned Pulitzer Prize

Continued From 1A
 Journalism is made up of people, Mares said. "I did a lot of interest stories. And here as greeter I keep seeing people come in that would make wonderful stories because of their hobbies and interests."

probably made me an effective greeter because I take a lot of detail, vision."

In addition to his career as journalist, Mares wrote one book, "Dear Coach: The Ryland Milner Story," and he currently is working on a second book about his mother. He also does charity work for numerous organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

And throughout his life and career, helping others always motivates Mares.

"I live by what my mother said, 'help me to fulfill the purpose for which I have been created and to share the abilities given to me not

only to help myself but to help others,'" Mares said. "If you would've told me when I worked with the Times that one day I would be working for a grocery store I would have said no way."

"There is a plan for our lives; the plan was to come here and it's been a wonderful marriage," he said.

Espey and staff receive honor

STEPHANIE STANGL
 NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
 Directly above his desk hangs an everlasting reminder of the vitality of teamwork. Sheriff Ben Espey and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department received a proclamation issued by Gov. Matt Blunt Friday, in appreciation of the safe recovery of the Skidmore, Mo., baby stolen from her mother's womb in November.

David Boyles, Nodaway County Coordinator, issued a request to that that Espey along with several others, be formally recognized for contributing to the recovery of Maria Jo Stennett.

Sheriff Espey acknowledged that he did not have the resources so he was swift in asking for additional help," Boyles said. "They truly saved the child's life by getting other departments involved."

Everyone wanted the proclamation to be a surprise for the department, Boyles said. After the County Commissioner's office convinced Espey that his budget was being scrutinized, he arrived promptly at the County Commissioner's chambers 9 a.m. Friday to discuss the matter, only to instead find a presentation in the department's honor.

together as one unit."

The Amber Alert System, devised to help locate missing children, also contributed to the recovery of the child. Although the department immediately sent out a request for an advisory, it was initially denied. Eight hours later, authorities finally acknowledged the request.

"The Amber Alert System originally requested certain criteria to fulfill a request such as height, weight, date of birth and sex of the child," Whittington said. "Of course we didn't have any of that information so we were not granted an Amber Alert [right away.] The system works really well, but the law needs to be changed in case this happens again."

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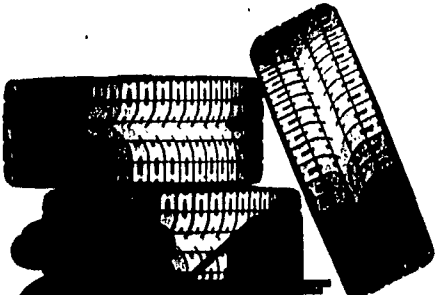
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Mardi Gras

Masks, beads, parties and religion; the history behind 'Fat Tuesday'

KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Maryville resident need not to travel the 1,008 miles to visit New Orleans, party town of Mardi Gras; they can walk less than a mile to nearby attractions, or drive a mere 42 miles to celebrate on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Even in Maryville, the city will be filled with traditions Tuesday evening. Bars and individuals alike will host plenty of fun.

Local establishments join the fun by throwing Mardi Gras parties of their own. Beginning at 8 p.m. Tuesday, The Pub celebrates "Fat Tuesday," offering drink specials and beads.

"KZLX will be covering the night and Northwest's Cultural Exchange Club will be holding a raffle to win Mardi Gras prizes," Pub owner John said. "Otherwise, there will be the traditional beads, masks and drinks."

Burny's Sports Bar twists the regular plans to celebrate "Fat Thursday," an annual tradition. Burny's chose Thursday to bring in more people for the revelry to avoid the competition of Tuesday night.

The city of St. Joseph also holds annual Mardi Gras parties, in which the public line the streets to celebrate.

St. Joseph kicks off its festivities 6 p.m. Saturday Feb. 5, with the Barker Parade for pets followed by costumes and wagons full of beads.

During the festivities, K-Jo 105.5 radio station will broadcast nearby, running contests and giving away prizes. At 9 p.m. the party starts with more entertainment and a parade fit

only for adults. In addition, \$1 "go cups" will be sold at bars during the nighttime parade.

"St. Joe has a huge thing for Mardi Gras, it's a remake of New Orleans," Northwest student Heidi Stock said. "I went last year and there were people everywhere, lined up and down the streets. The majority is drunk, throwing beads and flashing people, but it was really fun."

New Orleans doesn't remain the only major city people flock to celebrate Mardi Gras, though the most popular destination. Cities including St. Louis, New York and Las Vegas hold festivals.

"I'm either going down to St. Louis or staying here and going to the Delta Chi house for Mardi Gras," Northwest student Brian Pierce said. "If I visit St. Louis I'll be on the streets partying, if I stay here I'll do the same thing at the house. Wherever I go, I'm going to party."

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," precedes the Catholic day of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

The celebration of Mardi Gras started in Rome, where the public would feast before their days of fasting and deprivation. The feast incorporated costumes, liquor and food of all kinds, allowing participants to engage in pleasure they must leave alone for the next 40 days leading up to Easter.

"I think it's good for Catholics to participate in Lent," Northwest student Valerie Munsterman said. "I haven't chosen what I'm giving up this year yet, but last year I gave up eating meat for the entire season of Lent; I don't know if I will be doing that again."

Gradually, the day increased to days of excessive partying we currently know as Mardi Gras, starting the twelfth day after Christmas.

"Whether you are Catholic or not, Mardi Gras is a fun thing to participate in," Northwest student Jeff Sobczyk said.

Whether Mardi Gras serves as a religious day, a time for lost inhibitions or an excuse to consume excessive amounts of alcohol and show body parts usually left covered for plastic jewelry, it proves to be a widely celebrated day.

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Speed the key to Northwest recruiting class

BY JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

There was a theme among the 2005 recruiting class for the Northwest football team: speed.

"What I like with all those guys, is just the athletic talent and quickness," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We've recruited more speed in this class than probably any class that we've ever had."

Northwest inked 18 high-school seniors to National Letters of Intent on Wednesday. Six of those players either play running back or wide receiver.

Speed is probably the No. 1 thing people look for when it's available and when we had the opportunity to get some of these guys, we went after them," Tjeerdsma said.

The noteworthy signees include quarterback Drayton Johnson out of Mesquite High School in Mesquite, Tex. According to Tjeerdsma, Johnson has the abilities of a Josh Lambertson-like player. He threw for 900 yards and ran for 630 while accounting for 10 touchdowns as a senior.

"He's really quick, does a lot of the things Josh Lambertson does as an athlete," Tjeerdsma said. "But he is an athlete, he can do a lot of different things."

Northwest also signed Kansas City Center running back LaRon Council. Council totaled 1,920 yards and averaged 8.7 yards per carry, along with 20 rushing touchdowns. "He's a young man that has had a great career, very developed as a high school player," Tjeerdsma said. "I think he's a young man who could compete to help us at some point next year."

Among the wide receivers the team picked up were...

SHIPWRECK: Pirates drive Hounds to loss

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

There wasn't a parking spot left at Platte County High School on Tuesday night. The gym was just as crowded. People crowded through the gym doors to see the No. 1 class Platte County Pirates (17-0) against the Maryville Spoofohounds (14-4).

The 'Hounds entered Tuesday's contest losing two straight games, to Savannah Benton. Unfortunately, the luck would improve for the 'Hounds on Tuesday.

Platte County used a huge height advantage and stingy defense to route the 'Hounds. The loss dropped the 'Hounds to 14-4 overall and 2-1 in conference.

"It's hard to see them, they're the best team we've played all year," coach Mike Kuwizky said. "They have so many different weapons, they'd hit a kid hit some threes so we would run and get him and then they would throw the ball inside."

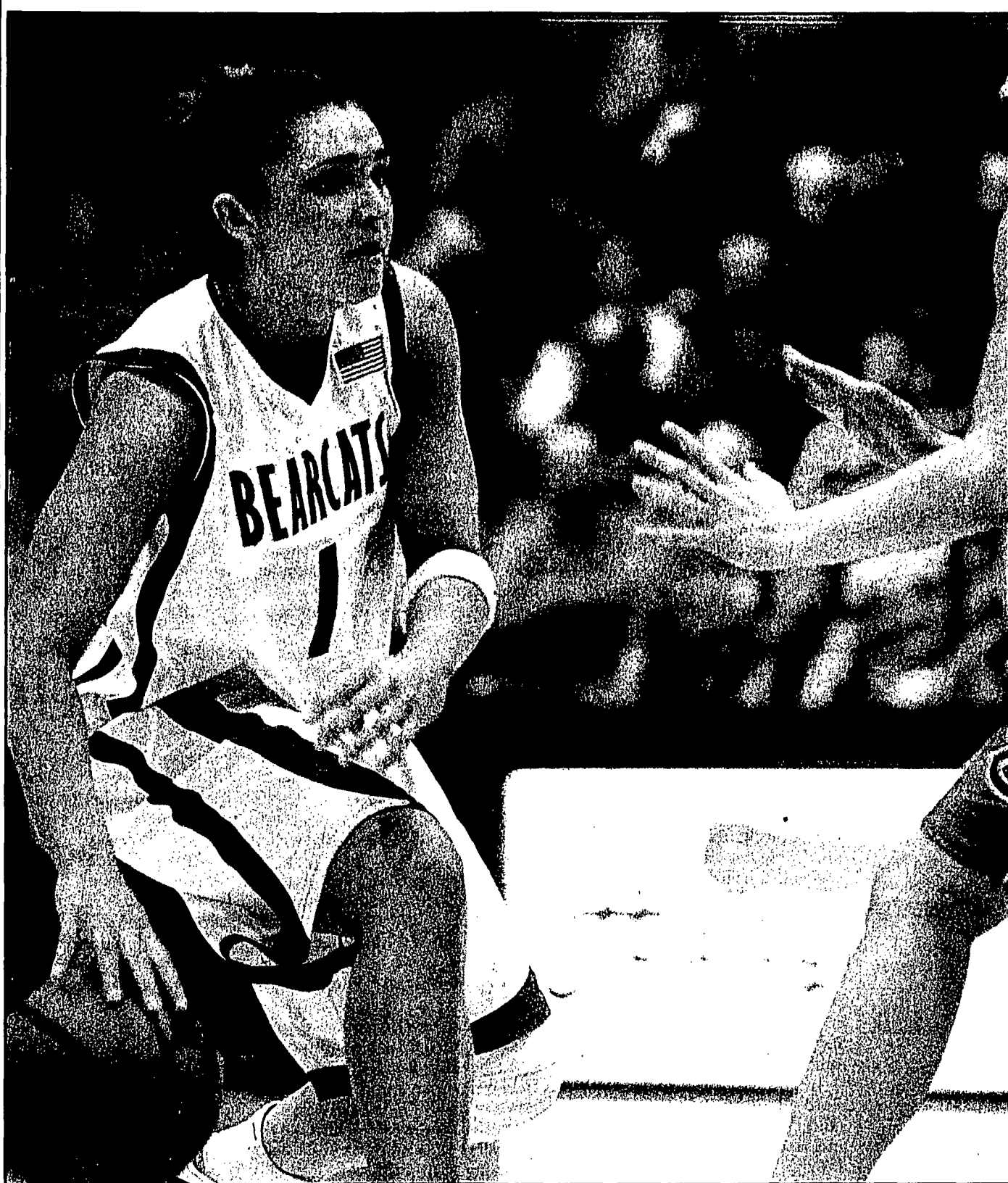
The Pirates jumped out to a quick lead, held onto a 15-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The 'Hounds' troubles only worsened and Platte County entered the locker room leading 30-12.

The 'Hounds struggled with shooting all night and when a shot did go up, the Pirates used their size advantage to ensure that there would be no second chance.

"It wasn't about the x's and o's tonight," Kuwizky said. "They had three guys listed on our biggest guy is 6'4, it's hard to compete with that."

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Meghan Blay drives to the basket against a Central Missouri State defender Wednesday. Blay finished the game with 12 points in the Northwest win.

Bearcats drop another matchup to Central

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Fans started filing out the doors of Bearcat Arena long before the final whistle blew on Wednesday night.

With 4:36 remaining in the game the 'Cats trailed 66-46. By the time the final minute came around, the arena had pretty much cleared out, but this time the fans weren't wrong and they didn't miss anything. No. 14 Central Missouri State University finished out the game and took the win 79-64 over the 'Cats.

"They're a real good, explosive team," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We played them tough at their place, but tonight we just didn't play well enough to beat a team like Central."

The 'Cats held the lead, 20-17 with 9:55 remaining in the first half. At the intermission the 'Cats trailed 31-24.

Central came out of the break and used an 8-2 run to start the second half. The 'Cats would never really throw a scare into CMSU for the remainder of the game.

"We weren't getting good ball movement," senior Byron Jackson said. "We struggled on defense some too, we just weren't playing Bearcat defense tonight."

The game seemed to be out of reach from the very beginning as the Bearcats only held the lead for a brief period in the first half.

"You don't ever want to give up when you're down like that," freshman Joel Osborn said. "We tried, we came back a little bit, but we just didn't have enough time."

Osborn led Bearcat scorers with 16 points and CMSU's Michael Hicks led all scorers with 22.

Northwest 96, Southwest Bapt. 90

On Saturday night, Southwest Baptist entered Bearcat arena for their second meeting of the season with Northwest.

Not only do the two schools share the same mascot, but they seem to mirror each other on the court as well. The last time the Bearcats took on the Bearcats, it took overtime to settle the score and SBU got the win 88-81.

Once again on Saturday night, it took overtime for a winner to emerge, only this time it

please see 'MEN' page 2B

Bearcats kick Mules in win

BY JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Since being blown out by 50 points to No. 3 Washburn three weeks ago, the Northwest women's basketball team has made a change for the better.

Despite having only a 2-3 record since that game things have definitely changed. The Bearcats have been in every ball game and they haven't lost by more than six points.

"They could have folded, a bunch of freshmen being bit by 50, they're thinking 'What I am doing in this league?' The team's competed ever since Washburn; our record hasn't shown but we've really competed since Washburn," Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

The team finally got over that hump Wednesday and knocked off No. 10 Central Missouri State at Bearcat Arena with a 76-70 win. It was the first time the team had won consecutive games since December.

"I can't tell you how many games I've come in and I've told them, I'm proud of your effort but I'm disappointed with the loss," Steinmeyer said. "Well for once I can say I'm proud of your effort and happy as can be with the win."

The Bearcats only trailed early on in the game but led throughout most of the first half, and in the second half of the game they had a steady lead. The Jennies cut it to 48-45 with 8:29 left in the game but Northwest went on 13-4 run hold off a Jennies comeback.

Junior Laura Friederich led the 'Cats with 23 points (including an 11-of-12 performance from the free throw line), eight steals and seven assists. Fellow upperclassmen Meghan Blay and Ashely Poptanycz added 12 and 16 points, respectively.

The team shut down Central's offense in the second half as during an 11-minute span, they allowed the Jennies to only one field goal.

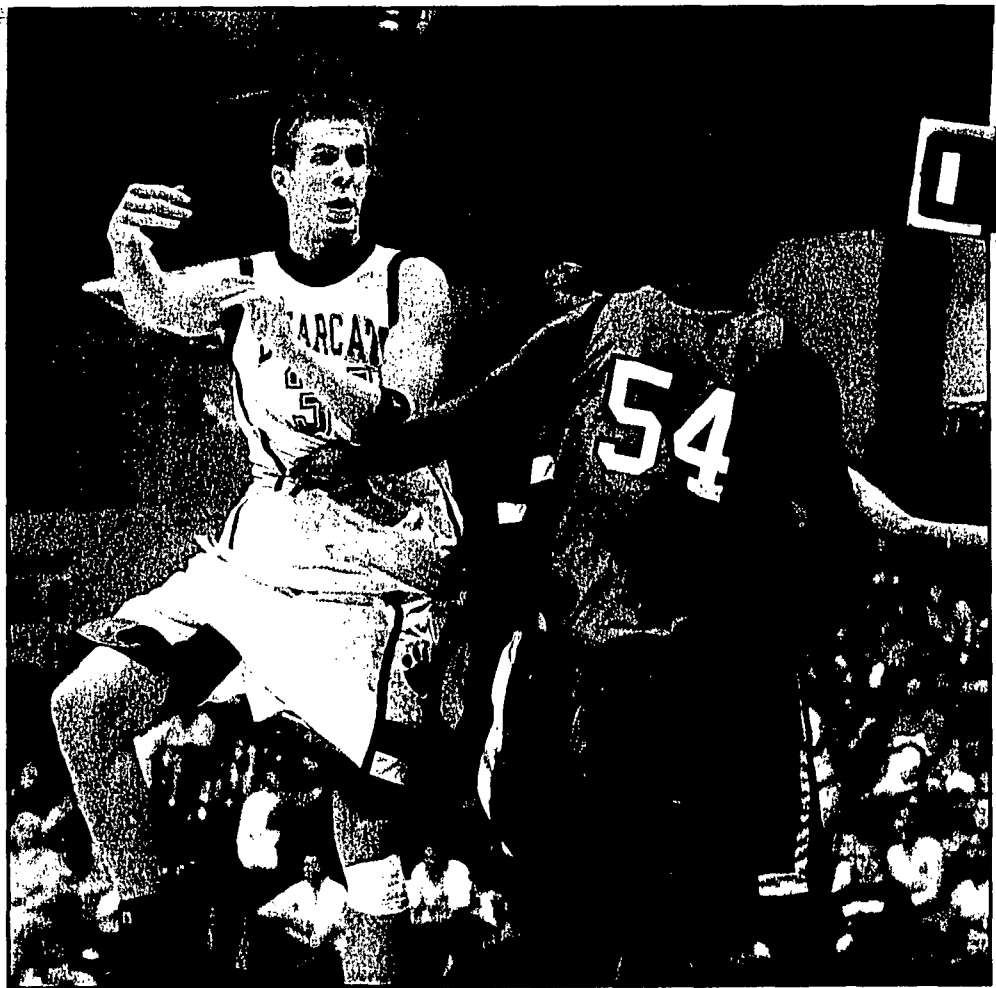
"Defensively we've improved a lot, it's been much more consistent and much stronger and I think that's been the key," Friederich said.

Northwest 81, Southwest Bapt. 67

Northwest's upperclassmen couldn't have picked a bigger game to step up in, as the Bearcats picked up a huge mid-season victory over Southwest Baptist.

Going into Saturday's game against SBU, both teams held a 2-7 record in the MIAA and were fighting for the seventh spot in the MIAA standings.

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Austin Meyer makes a pass against Central Missouri State Wednesday. The Mules used a strong second half to earn a 79-64 MIAA victory. Joel Osborn led Northwest with 16 points in the defeat.

Grapplers pick up individual titles

Despite slow start, 'Hounds rally and finish in third place at rare home meet

BY ZACH WARD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

After a 2-4 start in the Midland Empire Conference, the Spoofohounds hoped for a strong performance in the Tri-State Classic. In order to do that they would need some of their young wrestlers to step up.

Cody Gillenwater came through for the Hounds. He cruised through the 125-pound weight division and finished with a win in the final against Cameron's Blake Uthe. The 'Hounds also got strong performances out of Colby Chesnutt and Dan Blair.

Chesnutt stepped up and advanced to the finals where he upset Lathrop's J.T.

Russell. Blair won three close matches to reach the finals. In the finals of the 160-pound weight division, Blair avenged a loss from earlier in the season and pinned Sabetha's (Kan.) Jonathan Rausch.

The 'Hounds Skyler Vandiver stood out on Saturday. Coming into the meet, he had a 20-1 record. He advanced through the 152-pound weight division with relative ease.

In the finals he faced Trenton's Mitch Briegel. Vandiver pinned him midway through the match and came through with a first place finish. Vandiver felt happy with his own performance and the team's performance, and hopes to carry this success into district competition.

"I thought I could have wrestled better," said Vandiver. "But I was happy how it turned out at the end of the day. I thought the team did real well; we had a lot of good teams and good competition in the tournament."

Even with the strong performances from Vandiver, Gillenwater, Chesnutt and Blair, the 'Hounds finished third in team standings. Coach Joe Drake pointed out that the team needed contributions from each weight class in order to do well at districts.

"We need to correct some small mistakes and make everyone pick it up just a little bit more," Drake said. "We need everyone to contribute when we get to districts, we can't have weight classes not contributing points."

The 'Hounds now stand at 3-4 in the conference after defeating Lafayette 66-18 on Monday. The 'Hounds also defeated non-conference Plattsburg on Tuesday 48-28. Vandiver continued winning as he pinned Plattsburg's Zach Dines to improve his overall record to 25-1.

The 'Hounds have one more dual before districts. The 'Hounds will host St. Pius X at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

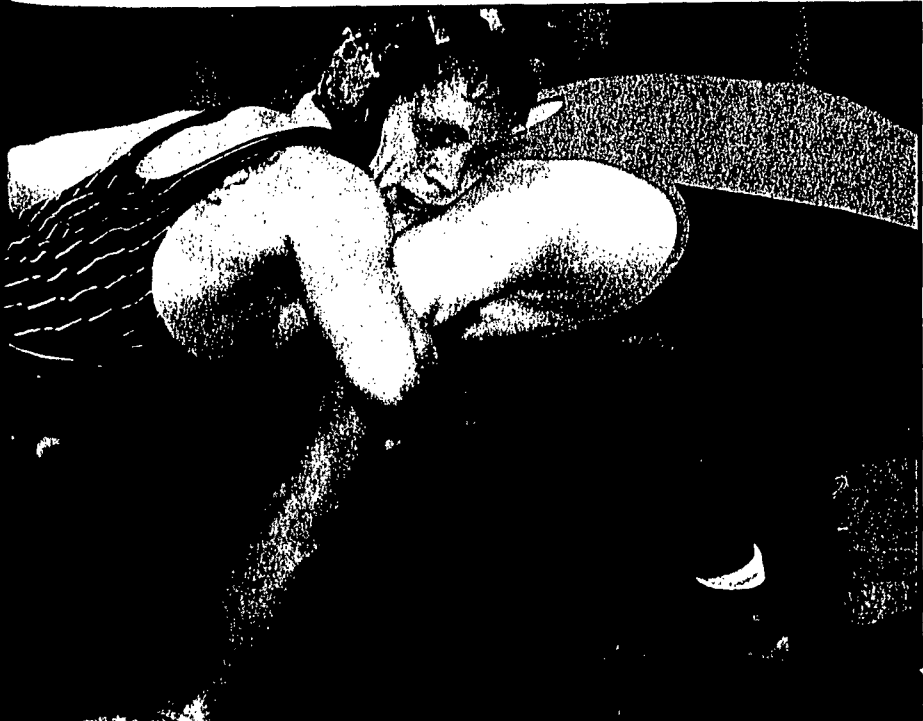


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Gillenwater faces off against an opponent Saturday in the Tri-State Classic at Maryville High School. Gillenwater was one of four Spoofohounds who picked up individual titles in the yearly tournament.

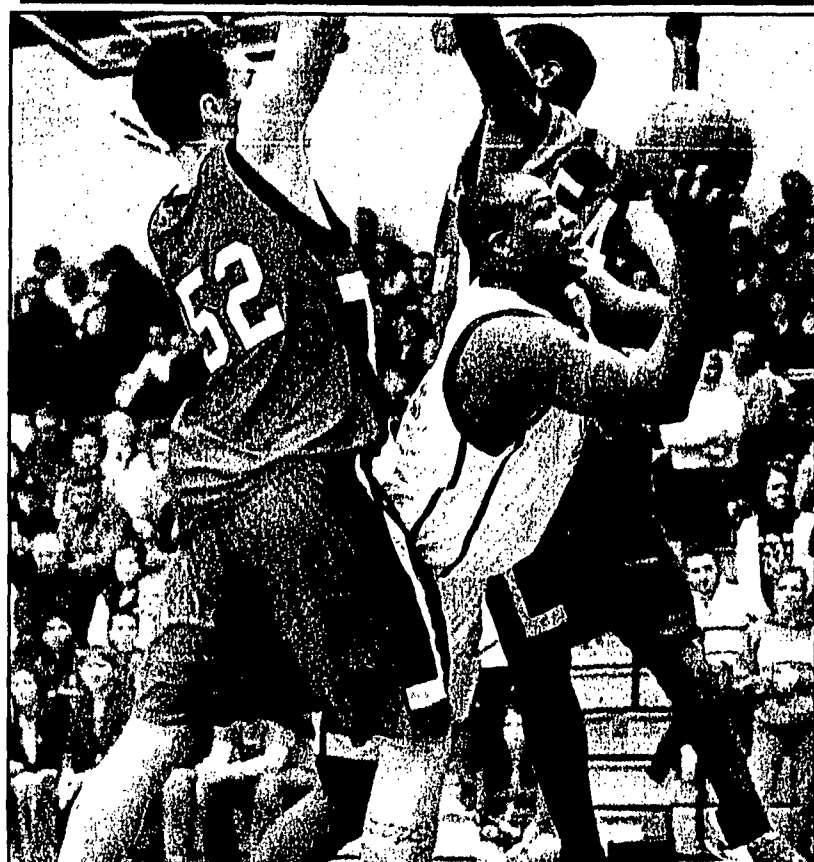


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Byron Jackson drives to the basket Wednesday against Central Missouri State University. Jackson and the Bearcats fell to the Mules 79-64. Northwest faces Emporia State Saturday.

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WOMEN: Pick up vital MIAA win over Baptist

Thanks to a career-high 24 points from senior Ashely Poptanycz—and big numbers from fellow upperclassmen Meghan Blay and Laura Friederich—the Bearcats won 81-67 over SBU Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

"Here's the simple fact: There are simple teams we have to (beat) in order to make the (MIAA) Tournament and this is one of them," Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We just had to have this one."

The Bearcats only trailed once during the game 23-21 midway through the first half. They then ended the half with a 17-10 run to lead at halftime, 40-33. The Bearcats shot 54.5 percent during the first half.

In the second half, Blay, Friederich and Poptanycz combined to score the first 28 of 33 points in the half for the Bearcats.

"I guessed we just came out and stepped it up," Poptanycz said. "(We) got kind of tired of being right there and not getting it down."

Poptanycz also tied a career-high with 13 rebounds. Blay and Friederich chipped in with 14 and 18 points, respectively. Blay and Friederich also added a combined 14 rebounds. The three upperclassmen accounted for 56 of the 81 points scored.

Friederich averaged 16.5 points in her past two games after a sluggish start to the MIAA season.

"We were standing out there and the game wasn't over and we just wanted to smile," Friederich said. "It felt good and I don't think there is anything wrong with that. We played intense the whole game and we had it in the bag and it was good to just stand out there and just enjoy it."

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FOOTBALL: Northwest recruits group of speedsters to fill new class

up are Greg Applegate from Iowa state champion Harlan Community High School, Kollin Spight from Grandview High School and Keelen Green from Sulphur Springs High School in Sulphur Springs, Tex.

"Keelen Green brings more speed than anyone that we have on our team right now and that includes E.J. Faulkner," Tjeerdsma said. "This kid's run a 10.4 in the 100 meters. That's something that we are always looking for is that kind of speed plus he is a very good receiver."

Green was named to First Team All-State in Class 4A as a kick returner and punt returner and he returned three kickoffs for touchdowns during his senior year. He also added 506 receiving yards from 49 receptions.

On the defensive side of things, the Bearcats picked up two linebackers, two cornerbacks, two defensive ends, a defensive lineman and a pair of safeties. One notable includes free safety Marcus Martin, whom Tjeerdsma be-

lieves also brings a lot of speed to the team. The team also picked up two offensive linemen.

Overall, Tjeerdsma was pleased with the recruiting class and thinks that even though he might not have gotten everyone he wanted, he thinks the coaching staff has a pretty good group to work with.

"You take the ones that have signed and you develop them and you don't look back and worry about 'Well we lost this guy or lost that guy' because you never know what they would have done for you anyway," he said.

Tjeerdsma believes time will only tell on how this class develops but thinks that several of the players could make an impact as early as next year.

"We have probably athletic-ability wise, we have some people in here that could play next year and that could contribute and could make an impact even next year," Tjeerdsma said. "That's the exciting thing about this class."

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MEN: 'Cats begin 3-game road trip

was the Bearcats from Northwest with the victory, 96-90.

Southwest Baptist used good shooting to run out to an early lead. With 17 minutes left in the first half SBU held a 15-4 lead, but Northwest responded, by going on a 16 to six run.

"(SBU) are very tough to match up with," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "They just put their head down and penetrate, then they find people and shoot the three."

With 28 seconds left in the first half Northwest led by one, 38-37; but instead of holding onto the ball and going into halftime with a one point lead, Northwest's Travis Gardner hit a three-pointer with two seconds left on the clock and Northwest took a 41-37 lead into halftime.

Northwest went into the locker room worrying about more than the score. With 18:06 left in first half freshman guard Andy Peterson went down with a leg injury and was helped off the court by teammates

to a standing ovation. Later it was determined that Peterson injured his ACL and as a result he will not return to the Bearcat lineup this year.

"You feel a little bit snake bitten, especially for him," Tappmeyer said. "He was really progressing, and we were so excited about his four year career and where he would be next year."

Senior guard Sky Wilson did not play Saturday night either; he is out with a sprained right knee. Wilson was injured earlier in the season and returned to the lineup the last couple of games. It is still unsure when Wilson will return.

The second half was a back and forth battle in a game that featured 13 lead changes. With 31 seconds left in the contest Northwest found themselves trailing 77-80.

It appeared as though Northwest would have to foul and put SBU on the line, but instead Jesse Shaw knocked the ball loose to Gardner in the corner.

"I was going to foul," Shaw said.

"I could see in his eyes that he was going to pass the ball and I just got my hand on the ball as he went to pass."

Gardner launched a three and watched as it dropped through the net to tie the game at 80. It was Gardner's second big shot of the night. Gardner finished with nine points.

"Sometimes when you're a shooter you get shots and you have to take them," Gardner said. "You can ask any player on any team, at any level; that's what you play basketball for is to take shots like that."

SBU's Deon Davis had an opportunity to hit that big shot with an open jumper at the buzzer, but the ball danced off the rim to send the game into overtime.

Northwest's Austin Meyer hit two free throws to start the overtime period. Meyer led Northwest scorers with 19 for the night. With 24 seconds left Shaw hit a three to put Northwest up by two, 92-90.

Bilal Clarence hit four free

throws putting himself in double digits for the night with ten points and sealing the game for Northwest 96-90.

"Sometimes games take a form where you say it's just not meant to be," Tappmeyer said. "We had stretch there where the ball was just bouncing badly, we got a couple open looks we couldn't hit, but then we got the momentum coming back, and Travis Gardner stepped up and hit a big shot which gave us the momentum going into overtime."

Next on the agenda for the Cats is Emporia State on the road Saturday. Hopefully the momentum the 'Cats found against SBU will be a stepping stone, leading to successful second part of the season.

"We started our season with a very similar game that went in the other way and it knocked us back on our heels a little bit," Tappmeyer said. "So, hopefully that momentum will carry over."

Senior shot putter sets school record

BY AARON NELSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Senior Clint Prange paved the way for the field events for the Northwest track and field team this weekend as he broke the school shot put record with a toss of 61 feet, 2 inches.

The heave was good enough for second place at the Iowa State Open in Ames, Iowa. Sophomore Dallas Flynn finished a few spots behind Prange with a sixth-place finish. Sophomore Diezeas Calbert also took fourth in the triple jump.

In the running events, sophomore E.J. Faulkner led the way with a third place finish in the 200m dash and sixth-place finish in the 60m dash.

For the ladies of the Northwest track and field team their season also continued last weekend at the Iowa State. Although on the surface it

seemed like just another meet, to head coach Scott Lorek it reiterated something that he observed all season.

"We're developing really well," Lorek said.

According to Lorek, every time the ladies perform he sees improvements.

"Each meet is a progression. We've had some good improvements, technically and fitness-wise."

The team's performance at Iowa State supported Lorek's opinion as Katie Scherer took 10th place in a field of 34 with a shot putting distance of 39'05".75.

Alisha Samuel and Kailea Cook. Samuel took third in the 60m dash finishing with a time of 7.69. She also ran in the 200m dash taking fourth with a time of 25.69. In the 60m dash Cook trailed Samuel by only .12. Her final time of 7.81

was good enough for 6th place. Cook continues to work on her running, and she has goals for future events.

"I'm always trying to provisionally qualify," Cook said.

Cook chalks up her strong finish to a good week of practice before the meet.

"I just felt I was going to do something good that day," she said.

Not only is Lorek pleased with the results his team has produced, but also with the intangible attributes of his team.

"It's really not surprising, but I'm very happy with how the team is doing mentally, as a group they are definitely strong competitors," Lorek said.

However, he still sees room for improvement.

"We're still a few weeks away from hitting some real good marks for the team as a whole," he said.

The issue of time is one of great importance in Lorek's opinion.

"(Being patient) is actually what we want to do. We don't want to rush things 'cause it is a long season. There are some teams out there that have great runs indoors and then don't have much left for the outdoor season," Lorek said.

Unfortunately for the women's team, time is in short supply, as the next meet was just recently added to the schedule. It will come in the form of the Panther Classic Feb. 5 held at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"We're taking a smaller group (The Panther Classic) will be a chance for those people who are really ready to get some good marks," Lorek said.

The men's team will take a weekend off and compete in the Prairie Wolf Invitational on Feb. 11 in Lincoln, Neb.

What else is new? The Patriots are in the Super Bowl

(To the tune of "The Song that Never Ends") "It's the team that never dies; they just keep on and on my friends. They just started winning it not knowing what is but they'll continue winning it forever just because this is the team that never quits."

Here we are. AGAIN.

The freaking Patriots are somehow in the Super Bowl AGAIN.

No matter what odds you throw at them, they continue to do their thing. This "dynasty" started on a fluke and now won't stop—from the infamous tuck rule call to Vinateri I and II, this team just knows how to win.

Sports fans love to hate this team. They are becoming the Yankees.

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

New England just keeps winning and winning. They have a quarterback who doesn't know to lose, and a coach that just continues to amaze other teams.

Example one: The divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts. This was supposed to be Peyton Manning's year. No more Patriots, it was supposed to be the Colts. But the defense shut him down, and Tom Brady did the rest.

Then Big Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers were supposed to get to the Super Bowl with a rookie quarterback, but the Patriots had other plans.

So here we are again with the Patriots in the Super Bowl. Should we really be surprised? Come on, it's the Patriots. They just know one thing: winning. So should we have really thought that they wouldn't have made it this year?

As much as I loathe the Patriots, I have to give it to them. For every time I thought their joyride was go-

ing to end, they proved me wrong. So, I am pretty sure the Patriots will keep on keepin' on and win Super Bowl XXXIX.

Don't get me wrong, I would love to see the Philadelphia Eagles win the Super Bowl and show the NFL that the NFC is just as good.

Out of any of the NFC teams that I think can beat the Patriots, it would be the Eagles. They defied odds all season. They won without Terrell Owens, and they might have to do it again—they finally won the NFC Championship and they showed the nation that the NFC isn't so mediocre.

Now for the five reasons why I think the Eagles won't win:

1. Defense wins championships and though Philadelphia has a good one, their defense doesn't compare to the Patriots.

2. The Eagles haven't been to the Super Bowl in more than 20 years; they might be a little inexperienced. On the other side, most of the Patri-

ots are two-time world champions. 3. Even if T.O. does play he might be more of a distraction than a helping hand for the Eagles.

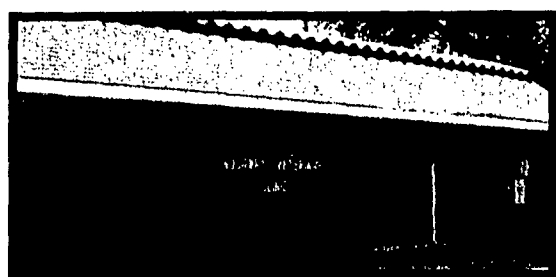
4. The Eagles already opened their mouth and started trash-talking the week. You don't do that to the Patriots. They don't need a reason to get riled up.

5. It's the freaking Patriots, they have been here before and they know how to get it done. They aren't like they don't brag about it, they just win. And that's all that matters.

So my pick is that this will be a good game. If the Eagles can get in front early they might have a chance. They definitely need to go to Brady and rattle him early. Even if the Patriots have trouble early, I think they will get it together and win their third Super Bowl in four years, most likely a field goal and a last minute drive by Brady.

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Senior Laura Friederich scored 18 points during the Bearcats 81-67 win against Southwest Baptist Saturday.

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Brisbane came out and scored at basket of the third quarter, the Pirates would respond with a run and a 25-point lead, 41-

'Hounds strength all season hasn't been offense or defense, rather the way they play the game and the heart they play with tonight. The 'Hounds showed Tuesday night, refusing to give up and scoring 20 fourth-quarter points.

The biggest positive tonight was that we kept playing, and we gave up," Kuwitzky said.

Senior Matt Jasinski scored 10 of his 11 points in the fourth quarter and fouled out with 1:31 remaining in the game. "They're a great team," Jasinski said. "They got some easy baskets early on and from there we just kind of dug

for a hole." Senior Josh Wilmes saw the Pirates' defense as a tough team when catching the ball in the block. The Pirates' defense was a tough team when catching the ball in the block. The Pirates' defense was a tough team when catching the ball in the block.

Wilmes took away our inside game," Kuwitzky said. "They were playing Josh and our guards were playing in and getting shots.

Everyone knew that Platte County would be a tough team for the 'Hounds, but the players are not content with things they have been going through. They should be winning right now," Jasinski said. "We just need to run our offense as effectively as we should be."

With all three losses coming in a row, the 'Hounds are ready to turn home Friday night in Smithville.

"We can bounce back, we just need to win tough losses," Jasinski said. "Being at home should give us a little bit to get us on the track again."



FILE PHOTO

Maryville senior Myles Burnside rushes earlier this season for the Spoofhounds. Burnside is one of three 'Hounds that will be playing at Northwest next year.

Pair of local players ink national letters of intent

BY COLE YOUNG
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

When a high school football player looks for a college to play at, chances are it's hours away.

For three Maryville high school standouts, the trip won't be quite so far — three and a half minutes exact.

Evan Wilmes and Myles Burnside both signed national letters of intent Wednesday, to attend Northwest. The duo will join a host of other Spoofhounds turned Bearcats next fall.

Wilmes, who played linebacker in high school anticipates a possible position change once he steps into Bearcat Stadium.

"They have talked to me about maybe becoming a safety," Wilmes said. "I don't know though, it will either be that or linebacker. I'll play whatever they want me to play."

Wilmes recorded 123 tackles this season including 17 for loss.

Burnside saw the majority of his action at running back this season for the 'Hounds.

He rushed for an accumulated 1,459 total yards this season, including 819 of them on the ground. He also scored 13 touchdowns. On defense he racked up 122 tackles as well as leading the team with three interceptions.

Whatever position the two play at the collegiate level, they both agreed this will be a day they will remember.

"It is really exciting," Burnside said. "It feels good to finally get the whole recruiting process over and

be able to move on to the next thing."

Both had schools other than Northwest on their radar screen throughout the process.

"Northwest was always at the top," Burnside said. "I did go on a visit to Benedictine, though, and looked at some other places."

Wilmes knew from the start Northwest is where he wanted to play, but still entertained the idea of going elsewhere.

"I looked at some other schools in Missouri," he said. "Northwest ended up being where I wanted to go though."

While Wilmes and Burnside both officially became Bearcats on Wednesday, but another 'Hound is expected to sign.

Sydney Brisbane verbally committed to the Bearcats, but was absent from signing day due to a school trip.

Brisbane grabbed 50 receptions for 1,018 yards and 13 touchdowns.

The wide receiver also earned a first-team all-state award for Class 3.

Maryville coach Paul Miller has been through what the trio is experiencing and had some simple advice for them.

"Things are going to change," he said. "You aren't playing with your buddies anymore. Everyday you have to be in there working."

The head coach said that there is a possibility that more football players likely could sign letters of intent in the coming weeks, however things have not worked out as for signing day.

Spoofhounds blow double digit lead, game to Pirates

BY SHAUNDA FRENCH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Despite holding a 12-point lead in the third quarter, the Maryville Spoofhounds fell short to Platte County Tuesday night, losing 64-61.

Maryville came out with a 31-25 halftime lead and jumped on a 10-0 run to lead 39-27 with 3:52 left in the third. However, Platte County's Allison Lair and Kathryn McGee started the Pirates' comeback with a combined 15 points in the quarter.

Lair led the Pirates with 29 points and McGee added 17. McGee capped off the third quarter with a three-pointer that cut the 'Hounds lead 44-43.

"I don't think I did a good job of preparing for this game. You don't let somebody give up 29 points. As a coach you got to figure out a way to stop that," said coach Adam Willard.

The fourth quarter kept the score close and with two minutes left, the score was tied at 56; yet key free-throws made by the Pirates' Courtney Bridger and Jessica Praiswater sealed the win for Platte County.

"We beat them once and wanted to come back and beat them again," Lair said.

Although Maryville lost, Coach Willard was not discouraged by the loss.

"On a scale from one to 10, we improved tonight to a 10," Willard said. "Obviously we can improve more the next game, but we played hard. If we just keep it up, we'll be okay."

Senior Kelli Dawson led the 'Hounds with 23 points and was 10 for 12 from the field. Kim Wolfer chipped in 19 points as well.

"Without a doubt, this is the

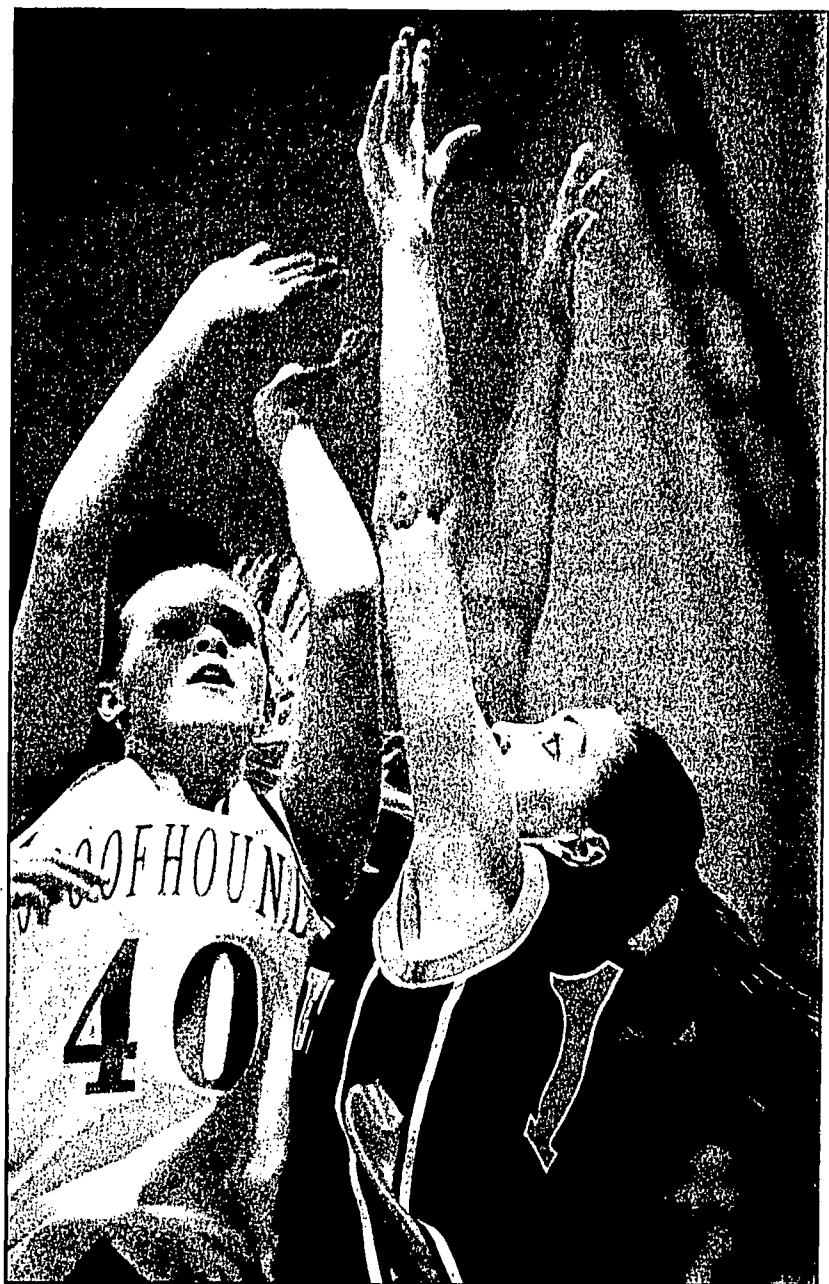


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Maryville's Leah Wilmes fights for the ball against a Platte County defender during Tuesday night's game. Wilmes and the Spoofhounds blew a 12-point 3rd quarter lead during the loss.

best game we've played this year," said Dawson. "We were ready, we hit our shots, we all played as a team and we all worked together."

Maryville now stands with an 8-9 record and will host Clarinda (Iowa) at 4 p.m. Saturday. They also host Chillicothe at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Soccer player headed to West Point

Maryville senior Brian Donnelly will soon get his chance to be a part of the "Long Gray Line."

Last month, the Spoofhound soccer player received an acceptance letter from the United States Military Academy at West Point but might join one of their clubs. Donnelly is the co-founder of Maryville Futsal (a type of in-

keeping my grades up and staying in sports," Donnelly said. "It's just really rewarding in the end when I finally got that letter."

The two-time second team All-Conference defender doesn't plan to continue playing soccer at West Point but might join one of their clubs. Donnelly is the co-founder of Maryville Futsal (a type of in-

door soccer) at the Maryville Community Center and the league is currently in their second season.

"I did a lot with soccer while I was in Maryville, but leaving it behind is kind of (wrapping) things up," Donnelly said.

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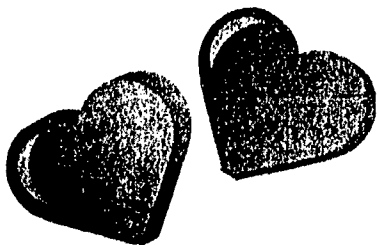
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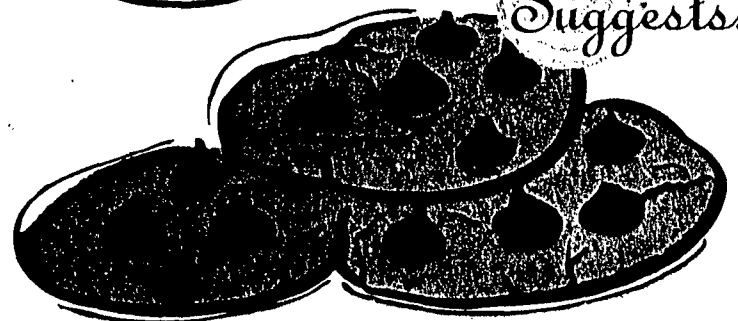
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I love people who curse. It's one of my favorite things to watch. It's almost like Tourette's, except people with Tourette's don't usually think that they are cool because they have it.

I'm sitting in the library the other night when this guy comes walking past me talking about "[blanking] Sandy and her [blanking] [blank]," and how "[blank] the [blank] was up the [blank] with a rotator cuff injury, which means that there will be no Christmas this year. Snap!"

And the whole time, I'm just thinking, "Oooh, MadLibs!"

Why are they cursing? Do they need attention that badly? Did their mommies not hug them? Do they kiss their mommies with those mouths? If not, can I kiss their mommies?

And it's not like I have never cursed or don't on occasion curse. That would be a lie. But I have never had the mindset that cursing makes you cool. I was, however mistakenly, under the impression that cursing will help ease the pain of hammer-induced thumb injuries.

"[Blank] [blank] [blank] toboggan, [blank] [blank] [blank] crankshaft."

And I am always amazed to hear people complain about foreigners in America. They scream, "Learn the [blanking] language, you [blanking] [generic ethnic slur]!"

Why? Why should they learn proper English when most Americans can't speak proper English themselves? The most-used word in the language is roughly four letters, begins in F, ends in K, and the people



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who use it usually have no idea what it means; they just say it because they saw somebody say it on South Park once.

And I used to curse a lot, but I don't anymore because, like anybody who has ever quit cursing, I did it because I heard an Englishman curse. And once you hear a Brit curse, that's the end of that for you. Because when a Brit curses, it's like poetry. You hear a Brit curse, and you think to yourself, "That's it. I can't do this anymore. How can I compete with that? He has an accent, I don't."

And my favorite thing about people who curse is to anger them. I mean really anger them. Just set them off. Get them lit up like the 4th of July.

Say I cut somebody off in a Wal-Mart parking lot on accident or even on purpose—whatever—it doesn't matter. Say I cut this guy off in his Ford F-150, with the picture of Calvin peeing on the French flag next to his "United We Stand" decals.

Instead of calmly getting out of the car and saying "Excuse me, you cut me off and I would like you to pull your head out of your butt please," they will just come running

up to me and scream, "You [blank] [blank] get [blank] that [blank] Jose Lima [blank] Bowflex [blank] [blank] before I put my size 10 foot up your [blank] used as a predicate nominative! [blank]! Suzie! Get my softball bat! You are one dead [blank]!"

This guy is livid and I'm laughing my [blank] off because I have no idea what this man has just said. It's like listening to a Cajun guy trying to describe what the tornado looked like.

Usually the most appropriate response to somebody trying to curse me out is "What's that sir? Timmy's stuck in a well? And old man Pritchett's trying to close down the schoolhouse? Well we better do something! Let's go!"

Or better yet, just make up your own curse words to shout back at them.

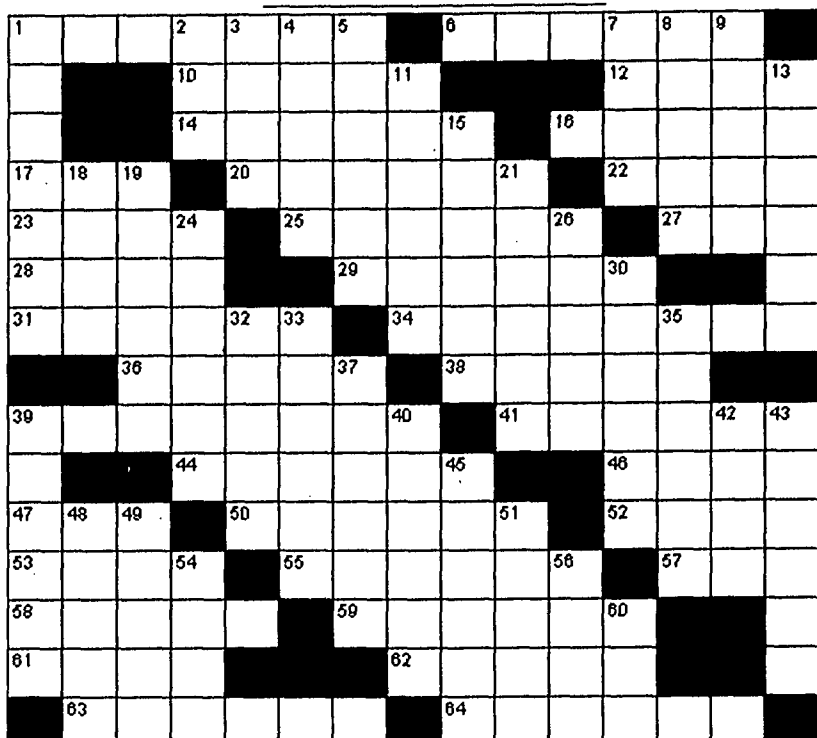
Like if the guy in the F-150 starts screaming at you, just start screaming back, "Yeah, well I thought the 'English Patient' was a great movie! And I happen to like candy canes! And puppies! And if you're not ok with that, then I say SHOEHORN! That's right, SHOEHORN! Now you go back to Nambly-Pamby Land and take your delicious Country Crock margarine with you!"

Then the person will usually just stare blankly at you. They'll sit there for a few seconds wondering what just happened and then walk off, dazed and confused to ponder their existence for the next three days.

Your Man: 1—Lame guys who curse for [blanking] attention: 0. Take that [blank].

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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| 1. Branch of mathematics | 25. Oozed | 52. Railed mine truck |
| 6. NE Connecticut town | 27. Open mesh fabric | 53. Title |
| 10. Indian form of address | 28. Sly look | 55. Poem of 14 lines |
| 12. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission | 29. Make neat | 57. Female sheep |
| 14. Car steering component | 31. Angles | 58. Slop |
| 16. Island north of Australia | 34. Ancient Roman magistrates | 59. Lowest points |
| 17. Chart | 36. Appears | 61. Shout |
| 20. Packed | 38. Fishing net | 62. Vacillate |
| 22. Miscellaneous | 39. Actor | 63. Plan |
| 23. Showing unusual talent | 41. Stable | 64. Putting down |
| | 44. Names | |
| | 46. Male parent | |
| | 47. Organ of sight | |
| | 50. Debate | |
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| 1. Creatures |
| 2. Eastern Standard Time |
| 3. Enticement |
| 4. Fast-running flightless birds |
| 5. Aviators |

7. Quantity of paper
8. Pin again
9. Immerse
11. Peekaboo
13. Desert plant
15. Leave
18. Second son of Adam and Eve
19. Give pleasure to
21. Dissuades
24. Male given name
26. Remove the fat from
30. Freshest
32. Lukewarm
33. Strikes
35. Female given name
37. Freshwater food fish
39. Tiny
40. E Wisconsin city
42. Sketch
43. Inhabitant of Yemen
45. Strap shoe
48. Deviated erratically
49. Rousseau novel on education
51. City in W Colombia
54. Old cloth measures
56. Three at cards
60. Respectful Hindu title
- See answers below.

On the edge
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- Feb. 04 Guy Clark
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- Feb. 04 Joe Ely
Uptown Theatre
- Feb. 05 Equinox
Grand Emporium

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- Feb. 09 Suffocation
Ranch Bowl
- Feb. 10 Bella Lush
Sawtooth Underground
- Feb. 10 John Holland
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